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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/23/2007.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on October 25, 2007 has been entered. Claims 1-11 and 13-17 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-18 are still pending in this application, with claims 1, 7, and 13 being independent.
2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/25/2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Malik (US 6,324,269), in view of Lee (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2004/0247088 A1).

4. In regards to claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 18, Malik discloses a method and system for establishing a call from a first device (See Fig. 2 and calling party/subscriber office telephone 204a) to a second device (See Fig. 2 and called party's telephone 204b) comprising: receiving a call placed by a user (e.g., subscriber) from the first device; receiving from the first device second information (e.g. special ALDB service access number, subscriber's home number, and password, [which are requested by SCN 56]) for associating the user with a third device (See Fig. 2 and home telephone 264c) (See col. 6 lines 55-66); transferring the call to a first switch (See Fig. 2 and service switching point (SSP) 220c) associated with the third device; forwarding the call from the first switch to a second switch (See Fig. 2 and SSP 220b) using the first information, the second switch being associated with the second device; and completing the call from the second switch to the second device (See col. 1 lines 57-66 and col. 6 lines 35-54). Malik, however, does not disclose receiving from the first device speech information voiced by the user; and deriving first information regarding the second device using the

speech information. Lee, however, does disclose receiving from the first device (See Fig. 1 and calling phone 11) speech information voiced by the user; and deriving first information (e.g., called phone number and/or called name) regarding the second device (See Fig. 1 and called phone 21) using the speech information (See Abstract; pg. 1, paragraph [0007]; and pg. 2, paragraph [0018] – [0020]). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate these features within the method, as a way of providing an automatic voice call connection service method which construct a personal phone book with personal information files related to a calling telephone number, a name text, a speaker verification feature, a speaker-dependent voice recognition name feature and a called phone number corresponding to a name by using a telephone so that a user may conveniently make a phone call to the called phone number registered in the personal phone book with a voice at any place and at any time by using a voice recognition technology through an intelligent network, a packet network and a PSTN.

5. In regards to claims 2, 8, and 14, Malik discloses the method and system, further comprising: sending a prompt to the first device such that the first device provides the user with audible instructions (See col. 2 lines 54-64, col. 3 lines 3-11, and col. 9 lines 26-34).

6. In regards to claims 3 and 15, Malik discloses all of claims 3 and 15 limitations, except the method and system, wherein deriving first information comprises: deriving contact information regarding a contact stored in a user's address book from the speech information; and retrieving the first information from the address book using the contact

information. Lee, however, does disclose wherein deriving first information comprises: deriving contact information regarding a contact stored in a user's address book (See Fig. 1 and personal phone book DB 41) from the speech information; and retrieving the first information from the address book using the contact information (See Abstract; pg. 1, paragraph [0007]; and pg. 2, paragraph [0018] – [0020]).

7. In regards to claims 4 and 16, Malik discloses all of claims 4 and 16 limitations, except the method and system, wherein deriving first information comprises: deriving a command to search an address book for a contact from the speech information; receiving search criteria from the user; retrieving contact information from the address book using the search criteria; sending to the first device the retrieved contact information; receiving from the first device selection information specifying at least one contact; and deriving the first information using the selection information. Lee, however, does disclose wherein deriving first information comprises: deriving a command to search an address book for a contact from the speech information; receiving search criteria from the user; retrieving contact information from the address book (See Fig. 1 and personal phone book DB 41) using the search criteria; sending to the first device the retrieved contact information; receiving from the first device selection information specifying at least one contact; and deriving the first information using the selection information (See Abstract; pg. 1, paragraph [0007]; and pg. 2, paragraph [0018] – [0020]).

8. In regards to claims 5, 11, and 17, Malik discloses all of claims 5, 11, and 17 limitations, except the method and system, wherein receiving search criteria comprises

receiving speech information from the user. Lee, however, does disclose wherein receiving search criteria (e.g., called name) comprises receiving speech information from the user (See pg. 2, paragraph [0018] – [0020]).

9. In regards to claims 9 and 10, Malik discloses the system, further comprising a storage device (i.e., SCP database) storing an address book (i.e., destination list) for the user; and a second set of one or more processors for accessing the address book; and wherein the second set of processors, in response to the query, is capable of retrieving from the address book first information (See col. 2 lines 48-64 and col. 9 lines 35-58). Malik, however, does not disclose wherein the first set of processors is capable of recognizing a contact stored in the user's address book from the speech information and sending a query to the second set of processors regarding the contact. Lee, however, does disclose wherein the first set of processors is capable of recognizing a contact stored in the user's address book (See Fig. 1 and personal phone book DB 41) from the speech information and sending a query to the second set of processors regarding the contact (See Abstract; pg. 1, paragraph [0007]; and pg. 2, paragraph [0018] – [0020]).

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Haavisto et al. (US 5,864,603) teach a method and apparatus for controlling a telephone with voice commands.
12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan K. Addy whose telephone number is (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.
13. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
14. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thjuan K. Addy', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end.